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1. SENSATIONLIST TURKISH NEWSPAPER HURRIYET CARRIED LEAD STORY ON INSIDE PAGE AUGUST 4 SHOWING PICTURE OF GLOMAR V AND WITH HEADLINE "GLOMAR OIL EXPLORATION SHIP HAS BEEN NATIONALIZED". BODY OF ARTICLE NOTES THAT GLOMAR V (WORTH 294.5 MILLION TURKISH LIRA) AND TUG ACCOMPANYING IT HAVE LEGALLY BECOME TURKISH SHIPS AND ARE WORKING FOR TPAO OFF AKCAKOCA IN THE BLACK SEA. ARTICLE REFERS TO GLOBAL MARINE EUROPA LTD., AS COMPANY WHICH PREVIOUSLY OWNED SHIP.

2. WHEN CONTACTED GLOBAL MARINE REPS CONFIRMED THAT GLOMAR V ANCHORED AT BLACK SEA DRILLING SITE (REF C) SEVEN MILES OFF SHORE BETWEEN AKCAKOCA AND EREGLI. IN REFERENCE TO HURRIYET ARTICLE GLOBAL MARINE REP EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH GLOMAR V IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANAMANIAN REGISTERED VESSEL, IMPORT FORMALITIES FOR TURKEY

REQUIRED TEMPORARY TURKISH REGISTRY. THEREFORE VESSEL CURRENTLY FLYING BOTH TURKISH AND PANAMANIAN FLAGS. REPS NOTED HOWEVER THAT GLOMAR V IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY GLOBAL MARINE AND CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT TO TPAO.

3. COMMENT: GLOBAL MARINE REPS WERE UNABLE TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON SOURCE OR REASON FOR HURRIYET STORY. HOWEVER, HURRIYET OFTEN EMBROIDERS FACTS.
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